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SUBJ: PALESTINIAN POPULATION CONCENTRATIONS LOCATED IN THE YEMEN
ARAB REPUBLIC

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1. TOTAL PALESTINIAN POPULATION IN YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC IS TINY AND, WE BELIEVE, ALMOST ENTIRELY EMPLOYED BY FOREIGN COMPANIES AND MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS. NUMBER MIGHT BE UNDER 100, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN.
2. INFORMATION ON PREVAILING CHARACTERISTICS OF PALESTINIAN WORKERS IS NOT AVAILABLE, BUT FOR GROUP AS SMALL AS MENTIONED ABOVE, PROBABLY NOT IMPORTANT. SKILL LEVELS ARE QUITE HIGH WITH COLLEGE GRADUATES MAKING UP ALMOST ENTIRE PALESTINIAN WORK FORCE.
3. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF TACIT BARS TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF PALESTINIANS IN YEMEN. THESE EXIST IN BOTH THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS AND HAVE PREVENTED ALMOST ALL GROWTH. IN ONE CASE WHICH GIVES AN EXAMPLE OF THE BARS, THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC REQUESTED THAT THE USG NOT RPT NOT BRING A CITIZEN OF ITS OWN TO WORK IN AID BECAUSE HE WAS ORIGINALLY
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A PALESTINIAN.

4. LEGAL AND SOCIAL RESTRICTIONS UNKNOWN. YEMENIS ALMOST NEVER TALK ABOUT PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AND, WHEN THEY DO, EXPRESS CONTEMPT FOR ANY GROUP OF ARABS WHO HAVE ALLOWED THEMSELVES TO BE PUSHED AROUND BY JEWS. BELIEVE CHILD BORN IN YEMEN OF PALESTINIAN PARENTS COULD GET YEMENI

CITIZENSHIP BUT THAT IS MORE DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE
CHAOS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND LACK OF CLEAR LAWS THAN ANY-
THING ELSE.

5. PALESTINIANS ARE NOT GENERALLY EMPLOYED WITH LOCAL
GOVERNMENT EXCEPT IN FEW CASES AS TEACHERS IN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL. EVEN THERE EMPLOYMENT IS THROUGH AID AGENCY OF
ANOTHER STATE LIKE SYRIA, SAUDI ARABIA, LIBYA, ETC. DO NOT
BELIEVE YEMENI GOVERNMENT WILL OPEN MANY MINISTRIES
BESIDES THAT OF EDUCATION TO PALESTINIANS, BUT GROWING
DEMAND FOR FOREIGN LABOR AND RELAXATION OF LABOR LAWS
COULD PROVIDE SOME PALESTINIANS WITH SOME JOBS IN PRIVATE
SECTOR.

6. IN THREE YEARS, REPORTING OFFICER HAS NEVER HEARD ANY
YEMENI DISCUSS RESIDENT PALESTINIANS, AS WORKERS OR
OTHERWISE.

7. PALESTINIAN CHILDREN WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND LOCAL
PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS BUT COULD NOT
RECEIVE STATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SECONDARY OR HIGHER STUDIES.
PALESTINIAN VIEWS OF LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS ARE NOT FAVORABLE
AND THEY WOULD PROBABLY SEND THEIR CHILDREN ELSEWHERE.

8. OUTLOOK FOR EMPLOYMENT OF PALESTINIANS OVER THE NEXT
FIVE YEARS IS FOR GROWTH AT VERY SMALL RATES.
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9. DISINCENTIVES FOR PALESTINIANS TO WORK HERE ARE BACK-
WARDNESS OF ECONOMY AND LACK OF ANY WELCOME FOR THEM
OFFICIALLY OR PRIVATELY.

10. HOUSING OF PALESTINIANS IS CONSISTENT WITH THEIR
HIGH LEVEL OF EDUCATION AND WHITE COLLAR EMPLOYMENT.
THERE ARE NO PALESTINIAN CAMPS OR NEIGHBORHOODS.

11. ASSIMILATION OF RESIDENT PALESTINIANS INTO LOCAL
SOCIETY IS UNLIKELY GIVEN TRIBALISM AND BACKWARDNESS OF
YEMEN.
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